

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 329

By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to honor Judith P. Medearis of Chattanooga for meritorious service on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to honor members of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, upon completion of their terms, who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts have ensured proper attention to myriad issues in fulfillment of the Commission's mission to serve as a forum for the discussion and resolution of intergovernmental problems, to provide high-quality research support to state and local government officials in order to improve the overall quality of government in Tennessee, and to improve the effectiveness of the intergovernmental system to better serve the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Judith P. Medearis, a long-time resident of Hamilton County, having served as Deputy Clerk and then Chief Deputy Clerk of the Hamilton County Circuit Court for a total of seventeen years, was duly elected Circuit Court Clerk of Hamilton County in 1978 and re-elected five times, serving a total of six terms before her retirement in 2002; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Ms. Medearis discharged the duties of her office faithfully and with great integrity, leading to increasing levels of recognition and responsibility among her state and national peers; and

WHEREAS, to improve her skills and her office, she became a Certified Public Administrator as a member of the Charter Class of the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service, Center for Government Training in 1989, and participated in the Certified Public Official Program of the National Association of County Recorders and Clerks (NACRC); and

WHEREAS, her reputation in her profession grew quickly, and she became a member of the Board of Directors of the NACRC by 1980 and served as the Association's President from 1989-1990; and

WHEREAS, a few short years after becoming a member of the Board of the NACRC, she became a member of the Board of Directors of the State Court Clerks Association of Tennessee and also served as that Association's President from 1989-1990; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, Ms. Medearis joined the Board of Directors of the County Officials Association of Tennessee and the very next year, in 1985, was honored by that Association as the Outstanding County Official of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the parent organization of the NACRC, the National Association of Counties, appointed her to its Intergovernmental Steering Committee for 1989-1991 and elected her to its Board of Directors for 1990-1991, which honored Hamilton County with County Achievement Awards in 1981 and 1988; and

WHEREAS, Judith P. Medearis was appointed by Governor Ned McWherter in 1989 to represent the County Officials Association of Tennessee on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and, throughout her tenure in that role, faithfully served and honorably represented the interests of her fellow county officials; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Judith P. Medearis for thirteen years of dedicated service to the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and to the good people of this great State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.